Member.—The Minachil Second Class Magistrate may be empowered to receive cases which have to be taken to the First Class Magistrate.

Dewan.—Such cases should be taken to Kottayam.

In regard to the grant for the reading rooms at Minachil referred to by you, the Director of Public Instruction should be approached.

As regards the canal you mention, it is an important matter and the Chief Engineer will look into it.

137. Needs of the Kunnatnad taluk.

Mr. V. R. Gopala Pillai (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) urged the following local needs for the consideration of Government.

1. The removal of the Second Class Magistrate's court from Perumpavur to Alwaye had caused much hardship to the people. That court should, therefore, be re-transferred to Perumpavur. If that proposal was not feasible, the Second Class Magistrate at Alwaye should be directed to hold his court at Perumpavur for a few days every week.

2. The English school at Perumpavur was now being held in a building put up by the people. Since the strength had increased, it was necessary that the standard of the school should also be raised. The Member said that the people were ready to provide additional accommodation with the necessary equipment and furniture, if the Government would sanction the opening of Form IV in the school at the beginning of the next school year.

3. The third request of the Member was that the local dispensary should be converted into a hospital. Although the Dewan had kindly ordered provision being made for two beds in the dispensary to meet emergent cases, for which the Member expressed the gratitude of the people, that provision did not go far enough. He, therefore, requested that the dispensary might be converted into a hospital.

4. The Member next stated that the necessity for the Munsiff's court being located in a suitable *pucca* building was being felt keenly by the litigant population and the general public and he requested that the Government might be pleased to do the needful in that matter.

5. The Member put in an earnest plea for the improvement of means of communication in the taluk by

(*a*) opening a cart road from Kuruppampadi to Vengur;

(*b*) converting the village road from Pulluvazhi to Mazhuvannur into a cart-road;

(*c*) converting the village road from Mannuparampu to Vengola into a cart-road;

(*d*) converting the village road from Mannuparampu to Valampur into a cart-road;

(*e*) metalling the road from Perumpavur market to Vallam landing; and

(*f*) metalling the unmetalled portions of the Alwaye-Perumpavur road.

Mr. Cheriatu Paulose Tharakan (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) complained about the indifference shown by the Government to the northern parts of the State in the matter of public works. His first request related to the Alwaye-Kazhukkampalam road. That work which was suspended during the current year should be taken up and completed without delay. A sum of Rs. 1,900 had already been spent on it and a mile of the road had been cut. He particularly requested that the policy of Government that people should surrender lands free of compensation for road-making might not be applied to the case of important roads.

He suggested that the maintenance grant for the Puthencruz-Kazhukkampalam village road might be raised to at least Rs. 100 per annum.

The third prayer of the Member was to improve the trace from Kuruppampadi to Kuttikkal. The proposed work involved improvements to one or two *chiras* in the second mile which might cost about Rs. 2,000.

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The next subject of representation was that the road from Edapalli to Muvattupuzha might be made cartable, and that, as a preliminary step, an investigation might be ordered in the matter.

The Member further prayed that the Pappara *thodu* might be widened and deepened so that it might be used for traffic throughout the year. He said that the people had cut a road nearly two miles long from the Puthencruz-Kazhukkampalam road to that *thodu* which would be of great service when the Cochin Harbour came to be opened

Another need of the taluk was an experimental agricultural farm which should be opened to demonstrate the usefulness of scientific cultivation, as the Alwaye agricultural farm would be under water during the rainy season and would be useless.

Lastly, the Member urged that the police charging station, removed from Mamalai, might be re-established there.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the agricultural station, you have already one attached to the Alwaye Agricultural School.

Member.—It is always under water.

Dewan.—No, not always; only during some parts of the year. Evidently, you want another agricultural station. The matter will have to be examined.

Member.—That will be useful for the people of Perumpavur also.

Dewan.—As regards roads, there is some justification for your complaint. When we prepare the next budget, we shall try to secure and bring about a fair distribution of funds among the various taluks. Incomplete works must be attended to first. The Chief Engineer has made a note of your suggestions and he says that, when the budget time comes, he will be ready with his proposals.

138. Grant of certain concessions to the real Malayala Brahmin Jenmies of Travancore.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) spoke about the want of State encouragement to the Malayala Brahmins of the State and their consequent unsatisfactory progress. While they formed the majority of the rich land-owning classes, they were poorly represented both in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. The Member stated that it was difficult under present conditions to secure representation for the members of his community on either of those bodies through the open door of election, and requested that the Government might do their best to see that they were nominated in sufficient numbers. Their position was in no way better as regards the other popular institutions, *e. g.*, the Municipalities and Village Panchayat courts, and he could only attribute it to the paucity of Jenmies in the higher ranks of the public service. Certain difficulties experienced by the members of his community in matters municipal were also pointed out such as the widening of certain lanes within municipal limits which belonged to them, without their knowledge and consent. The Member said that such unauthorised acts on the part of local authorities affected the income from their lands to a great extent. To avoid such hardships, the Member prayed for a fair representation of his community in all public institutions.

Mr. Parameswaran Narayanan Bhattathiri (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) made the following suggestions for the uplift of the Malayala Brahmin community.

(1) There were numerous endowments for the teaching of the Vedas to the boys of the community and Government had set apart certain funds under State Charities for the same purpose. Those funds might with advantage be utilised for giving them English education in conformity with present-day needs and ideals.

(2) The courses of studies in special schools for Malayala Brahmins should be revised in consultation with the leaders of the community.

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